

ROADWAY TEAM

MINUTES for Meeting of May 19, 2005

AGC Office, Tacoma

Attending:

X	Frank Scarsella	X	Bill Grady		Scott Droppelman
	Scott Stephens	X	Bob Glenn	X	Dan Glover
	Chris Deane				
X	Jim Spaid	X	Al Dyer	X	Mike Morishige
X	Gil McNabb	X	Ken Stone	X	Terry Mattson
X	Larry Eik		Jay Drye	X	Casey Liles
X	Troy Cowan	X	Kim Mueller	X	Ben Brown

Minutes of February 17, 2005 Meeting

Distributed and reviewed copies, no comments or revisions were made.

Old Business

Minutes of Other Team Meetings -

Minutes of the March 18, 2005 and April 15, 2005 Administration Team were handed out for review. It was noted that they are currently working on two issues that may be of interest, prompt pay and time for completion.

Minutes of the March 25, 2005 and April 22, 2005 Structures Team were handed out for review.

Meeting notes from various industry/WSDOT teams may be viewed at The State Construction Office website at the following address:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/construction/Default.cfm>

Environmental Provisions – Ben Brown with Northwest Region and Kim Mueller with Olympic Region provided an overview of their region's approach for streamlining the environmental permit requirements in contract documents.

NW Region – They have recently implemented two strategies to improve environmental communication on their projects.

The Environmental Compliance Plan is a project specific plan that identifies sensitive such as streams, buffers, and wetlands areas within the project. This plan is patterned similar to the structure notes. All information is included in the plans unless it was added by change order.

They are also conducting internal constructability reviews on projects. With this review they focus on the environmental permits making sure the information and responsibility is clearly defined.

A question was asked if the sensitive areas could be shown on all plan sheets and not just in the back of the plans – possibly in half tone. It was felt this would make the plans easier to follow and help to eliminate any oversights.

Olympic Region – They are currently going through all project permits and summarizing them in the special provisions (Imposed Restrictions and Requirements). They are trying to streamline the process and improve consistency. Environmental reference binders will be made up to include permits, contacts, and summaries of environmental requirements.

It was noted that headquarters is also working to develop standard specifications and GSPs for common permit requirements. The HQ Environmental Services Office will also be working with resource agencies on standardizing permit requirements where possible.

New Business

Fugitive Dust and Drought Toolkit – John Maas with the WSDOT environmental office provided an update on alternative dust control methods that the department is looking at that require minimal water (see attachment). These methods are being reviewed due to the drought conditions being experienced throughout the state.

John mentioned that bonded fiber matrix has also been added to the list as an approved method for dealing with dust. They have also identified that not all stockpiles are a concern, crushed material will not typically cause a dust issue.

DOE Solid Waste Handling – Jim Spaid informed the group that the Department of Ecology has reconsidered their earlier ruling that placed restrictions on the manufacturing of topsoil. The new revisions will be in place sometime this June, however it could take longer for the counties to make their revisions.

Electrical Spec. Meeting – Jim Spaid noted that a meeting is scheduled for June 9th with electrical contractors to discuss changes and updates to Sections 8-20 and 9-29.

Precast Manholes and Catch Basins – Jim Spaid handed out for review and comment the proposed revisions to 9-12.4 and 9-12.5. The proposed revisions allow for the use of either nylon multifilament fibers or polypropylene fibrillated fibers as reinforcement in the concrete for these items. Jim asked that any comments be routed back to him.

APWA Proposed Revisions – Jim Spaid distributed copies of specification revisions to section 9-05 and 9-30 that APWA is proposing. Comments are requested by the next meeting.

Pavement Markings –Jim handed out a copy of the proposed retro-reflectivity revisions to section 9-34. He asked that folks review these revisions and provide comments back at next months meeting.

Ideas for Future Discussion

- Ideas that would result in reduced administrative effort
- Reduction in the number of bid items.
 - Drainage – include excavation and backfill as part of the LF cost for pipe
 - Lump sum pavement markings

Discussion Topics

The following list of topics will be kept as part of the minutes and future agendas to indicate the items that have surfaced as issues for discussion by the team. As each issue is addressed, it may be removed from the list. As new issues are raised, they will be added to the list as a reminder of the things that need discussion:

{Note: Issues that are added will now include the date (11/30/00) they were included on the list so the team can track their longevity }

- Shoulder Rock - further discussion of method of payment.
- Smoothness Specification for ACP - this is an issue of information. A subcommittee of the APAW/WSDOT Joint Task Force is working on the specifics of this issue.
- Longitudinal Wedge Joint
- Testing Storm Sewer Pipe - recent changes in the testing requirements for HDPE pipe have increased the length of time for testing.
 - (5/24/01) - What is the background for those changes?
 - (9/20/01) - Discussed the duration of the test. Bill G. said why hold it so long when you know within the first few minutes if you have a leak and thus a failing pipe.
- Signal Detector Loops - Suggested the number of bid items could be reduced by bidding loops per each rather than separate bid items for each type of set (for instance, R1, R2, R3, etc. for loop sets of 1, 2 or 3 loops).
- Structure Excavation Class B – backfilling trenches (5/9/03) Meas. and Payment 2-09
- Aggregate Substitution (5/9/03)
- Documentation requirements for consumables

Next Meeting

The next meetings are scheduled for **Thursday, June 16th, 2005** at the Tacoma AGC office beginning at **8:00am**.